# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:90
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2006
REDUCTION IN LICENCE FEE
Mishra Dr. Rajesh Kumar

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has been asked to consult the Ministry of Finance on future decisions regarding reduction in licence fee;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to reduce the licence fee of existing telecom operators while reducing licence fee in future; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has been asked by the Ministry of Finance that DoT should, in future, take a holistic view of the various changes such as License Fee, Entry Fee, Spectrum Charges etc. and should evolve a transparent and stable regime in consultation with Ministry of Finance.

(c) & (d) Associations of Telecom Service Providers have given representations for reducing the License Fee to a uniform rate of 6% of Adjusted Gross Revenue. This proposal is under examination of the Government. This being a policy matter, no time limit can be fixed for implementing the same.